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We study some of the concepts, protocols, and algorithms for access control in distributed systems, from a logical perspective. We account for how a principal may come to believe that another principal is making a request, either on his own or on someone else's behalf. We also provide a logical language for access control lists and theories for deciding whether requests should be granted.

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In this paper, we are going to show how to build up agent-oriented Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) from SPKI/SDSI and X.509 standards. A variety of delegation mechanisms for agents will be demonstrated under this agent-oriented PKI. The mechanisms include: chain-ruled, threshold, and conditional. The lack of agent security management standards did not allow us to do the agent trust and delegation in legalized manner so we proposed several new communicative acts to satisfy our agent delegatio ...

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We present an infrastructure for flexible and secure access to a group of distributed services in a nomadic computing environment, wherein users access local services from their mobile, wirelessly connected devices. We describe a secure hand-off protocol, which allows a user to register with a single service that hands off' authorization to access a subset of the services. Our protocol helps maintain the user's privacy. It allows the services (which may be implemented on simple appliances) and ...

Keywords: access control, authorization, mobile computing, nomadic computing, ubiquitous computing

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When personal machines are incorporated into distributed systems a new mixture of threats is exposed. The security effort in the MobyDick project is aimed at understanding how privacy can be protected in this new environment. Our claim is that a two-step process for authentication and authorisation is required, but also sufficient. The research vehicle is a distributed file repository.

9 A rule-based framework for role-based delegation and revocation 

Longhua Zhang, Gail-Joon Ahn, Bei-Tseng Chu

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Delegation is the process whereby an active entity in a distributed environment authorizes another entity to access resources. In today's distributed systems, a user often needs to act on another user's behalf with some subset of his/her rights. Most systems have attempted to resolve such delegation requirements with ad-hoc mechanisms by compromising existing disorganized policies or simply attaching additional components to their applications. Still, there is a strong need in the large, distrib ...

Keywords: Role, access control, delegation, revocation, rule-based

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Ad-hoc networks facilitate interconnectivity between mobile devices without the support of a network infrastructure. In this paper we propose a flexible credential verification mechanism, which improves the likelihood that participants in an ad-hoc network can verify each other's credentials despite the lack of access to certification and attribute authorities. Users maintain Credential Assertion Statements (CASS), which are formed through extraction of X.509 and attribute certificates into an i ...

Keywords: authentication, credential verification, security, trust

11 A rule-based framework for role based delegation 

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In current role-based systems, security officers handle assignments of users to roles. However, fully depending on this functionality may increase management efforts in a distributed environment because of the continuous involvement from security officers. The emerging technology of role-based delegation provides a means for implementing RBAC in a distributed environment with empowerment of individual users. The basic idea behind a role-based delegation is that users themselves may delegate ...

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12 A framework for distributed authorization 

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